

**PRESS RELEASE**  
**IOWA BOARD OF MEDICINE**  
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Recently, the Iowa Board of Medicine took the following action:

**Azber A. Ansar, M.D.**, a 38 year-old Iowa-licensed physician practicing internal medicine in St. Paul, Minnesota, had an Order issued by the Iowa Board. The Iowa Board received information which indicated that Dr. Ansar was convicted of falsely reporting a crime after he self-inflicted an injury with a knife and then falsely reported to the police that his wife had assaulted him. On February 6, 2007, the State Medical Board of Ohio suspended Dr. Ansar's Ohio medical license for a period of six (6) months after concluding that he had engaged in criminal conduct which violated Ohio law. On June 7, 2007, the Iowa Board filed formal disciplinary charges against Dr. Ansar charging him with violating Iowa law when he was disciplined by another state licensing board and when he engaged in unprofessional or unethical conduct or practice harmful or detrimental to the public. A hearing was held before the Iowa Board on November 6, 2007. On December 17, 2007, the Iowa Board issued an Order and issued Dr. Ansar a public reprimand and ordered him to pay a \$1,000 fine.

**Narinder Kumar, M.D.**, a 55 year-old Iowa-licensed pediatrician from Davenport, Iowa, had an Order issued by the Board. On May 31, 2006, Dr. Kumar entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Board. The Board charged Dr. Kumar with engaging in unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine. He was placed on probation for a period of five years subject to certain terms and conditions, including substance abuse monitoring, a female chaperone when he treats female patients and he had to complete a prescribing course. On April 26, 2007, the Board suspended Dr. Kumar's medical license after it received allegations that he violated the terms of his probation and that he performed an inappropriate physical examination on a patient. On August 9, 2007, following a hearing, the Board concluded that Dr. Kumar violated two provisions of his probation and dismissed the remaining charges. The Board removed four provisions of the probation after concluding that the requirements were unnecessary. The State appealed the Board's ruling and an appeal hearing was held on November 8, 2007. On December 17, 2007, the Board issued a new Order which reinstated all of the monitoring requirements established in the May 31, 2006, Settlement Agreement, including substance abuse monitoring.

**Irving B. Ward, D.O.**, a 36 year-old anesthesiologist from Lees Summit, Missouri, entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Iowa Board. The Iowa Board charged Dr. Ward with failing to submit a completed fingerprint card within 30 days for a criminal background check. Under the terms of the Settlement Agreement, Dr. Ward was issued a public reprimand and ordered to pay a \$1,000 fine for failing to provide a completed fingerprint card in a timely manner in violation of Iowa law.